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SECRET

I PLAN TO PRESENT THE TWO SETS OF RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOS TO PRIMIN TOMORROW, ASKING PRIMIN TO TURN OVER ORIGINAL SET TO ICC. ENTIRE PACKAGE HAS BEEN CAREFULLY EXAMINED HERE AND WHILE JOB ON WHOLE WELL DONE, THERE ARE NUMBER OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS RAISED BY TEXTUAL MATERIAL WHICH I WILL HAVE TO MODIFY BEFORE PACKAGE CAN BE TURNED OVER TO RLG AND ICC.

IF CHANGES NOTED BELOW PRESENT ANY SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES NOT OBVIOUS FROM HERE, WOULD APPRECIATE FLASH RESPONSE FROM DEPARTMENT TO HOLD UP PROPOSED DELIVERY. I FEEL THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO GET THESE PHOTOS TO RLG AND ICC, AND IN VIEW EVENTS PAST TWO DAYS, NOW OF CONSIDERABLE URGENCY THAT WE DO SO.

1. ON PAGE 2 OF TEXT UNDER ROMAN III:

DELETE WORDS QUOTE TO PROVE BEYOND DOUBT UNQUOTE IN LAST SENTENCE AND SUBSTITUTE QUOTE STRONGLY TO SUPPORT THESIS UNQUOTE. CHANGE SENTENCE NUMBER 1 TO READ QUOTE THE COMMUNIST ATTACKS WERE LAUNCHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SUPPLY BUILDUP UNQUOTE. CHANGE SENTENCE NUMBER 3 TO READ QUOTE THE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE ENJOYED SIGNIFICANT LOGISTICAL SUPPORT COMING FROM NORTH VIET-NAM SINCE, THERE BEING NO OTHER PLAUSIBLE SOURCE, NORTH VIET-NAM IS THE EVIDENT SOURCE OF THIS SUPPLIES REQUIRED TO MOUNT SUCH AN OFFENSIVE UNQUOTE.

(COMMENT: THIS OF COURSE PERFECTLY WELL-KNOWN WITHOUT AID OF PHOTOGRAPHS.)

2. ON PAGE 3 OF TEXT (AND PHOTO CAPTIONS) UNDER ROMAN IV:

CHANGE PARA J-0681 TO READ QUOTE THIS PICTURE OF THE

PATHET LAO HEADQUARTERS AT KHANG KHAY SUGGESTS A SUPPLY AND TROOP BUILDUP. THE ENTIRE AREA IS MARKED BY FRESH AND EXTENSIVE GROUND ACTIVITY INCLUDING TRENCHING, VEHICLE TRACKS AND TRAINING FACILITIES. THE MAY 21 PICUTRE ALSO SHOWS A LINE OF TROOPS BARRACKS CAPABLE OF HOUSING SEVERAL HUNDRED TROOPS, ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS TO THE NORTH AND NORTHEAST, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF TRUCKS UNQUOTE.

(COMMENT: AS DEPT AWARE KHANG KHAY FREQUENTLY OBSERVED FROM HELICOPTERS AND GROUND BY VISITORS FROM VIENTIANE.)

3. ON PAGE 4 OF TEXT IN PARAGRAPH J-0687, 0690, CHANGE LAST LINE OF SECOND SUBPARA TO READ QUOTE BETWEEN NEUTRALIST FACTIONS UNDER KONG LE AS CLAIMED BY THE COMMUNISTS UNQUOTE.

DELETE ENTIRE PARA J-0689 AND REMOVE REPEAT REMOVE PHOTO J-0689 FROM PACKAGE.

IN OUR VIEW ORIGINAL TEXT CLAIMED MUCH MORE FOR PHOTOS THAN WE COULD POSSIBLY DEFEND HERE. ALSO WILL BE OBVIOUS FROM FOREGOING THAT SPECIFIC PARTS I FIND MOST INAPPROPRIATE ARE THOSE DRAWING COMPARISONS OR COMING TO CONCLUSIONS WHICH CAN ONLY BE PREMISED ON AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OCCURRING PRIOR TO DATE REQUESTED BY PRIMIN. I ALSO MUST WITHDRAW PHOTO NUMBER J-0689 FROM PACKAGE BECAUSE WHAT IS LABELED AND DESCRIBED THEREIN AS "COMMUNIST TRUCK PARK" IS WELL KNOWN HERE TO BE IN ACTUAL FACT VEHILCES ABANDONED BY KONG LE FORCES DURING RETREAT TO BAN NA. IMPLICATION DRAWN BY PHOTO THAT SUCH VEHICLES FORMED PART OF PL OFFENSIVE IN PDJ NOT REPEAT NOT CREDIBLE.

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Remarks: <p style="text-align: center;">These were done hurriedly but perhaps they can serve as a starting point.</p> <p>cc: Mr. Chretien</p>			
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